

The "broadcast flag" proposal would weaken consumer rights and the freedom of scientists and software developers. Consumers should have the right to make copies, to develop software for their own computers and to control their personal electronic devices without the FCC and broadcast industry limiting their choices. Software developers should have the freedom to experiment with new services and devices without risking criminal prosecution. Scientists and educators should have the right to experiment and discuss their work without the risk of prosecution and without artificial limitations.

The "broadcast flag" proposal is a bad idea, and is not in the best interests of the people of this country.